

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND CLAIMS

Call to Order:

CHAIRMAN KEITH BALES, on January 12, 2009 at 5:00 P.M., in Room 455 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Keith Bales, Chairman (R)
Sen. Dave Lewis, Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. Gregory D. Barkus (R)
Sen. Debby Barrett (R)
Sen. John Brenden (R)
Sen. John Brueggeman (R)
Sen. Mike Cooney (D)
Sen. John Esp (R)
Sen. Steven Gallus (D)
Sen. Ken (Kim) Hansen (D)
Sen. Bob Hawks (D)
Sen. Rick Laible (R)
Sen. Jim Peterson (R)
Sen. Rick Ripley (R)
Sen. Trudi Schmidt (D)
Sen. Mitch Tropila (D)
Sen. David E. Wanzenried (D)
Sen. Carol Williams (D)
Sen. Ryan Zinke (R)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Prudence Gildroy, Committee Secretary
Taryn Purdy, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 1, 1/6/2009; SB 29, 1/6/2009; SB
117, 1/6/2009

Executive Action: HB 1

HEARING ON HB 1

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:59 REP. JON SESSO (D), HD 76, opened the hearing on **HB 1**,
Feed bill for legislative session.

00:03:02 Sen. Bales

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:03:32 Susan Fox, Legislative Services
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Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:04:27 Rep. Sesso

00:05:20 Sen. Bales

HEARING ON SB 29

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:05:46 SEN. DAVID WANZENRIED (D), SD 49, opened the hearing on
SB 29, Generally revise appropriation and budget
statutes.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:08:49 Sen. Williams
00:09:19 Taryn Purdy, Legislative Fiscal Division
00:10:28 Sen. Barkus
00:10:39 Ms. Purdy
00:11:14 Sen. Barkus
00:11:29 Sen. Bales
00:11:36 Sen. Lewis
00:12:30 Ms. Purdy
00:12:50 Sen. Bales
00:12:55 Sen. Esp
00:13:22 Sen. Bales

Closing by Sponsor:

00:13:37 Sen. Wanzenried

HEARING ON SB 117

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:14:07 SEN. DAVID WANZENRIED (D), SD 49, opened the hearing on SB 117, Revise or eliminate certain statutory appropriations.

00:15:51 Sen. Bales

Proponents:

00:15:59 Larry Fasbender, Department of Justice

00:17:06 Sen. Bales

Opponents: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:17:44 Sen. Zinke
00:18:19 Sen. Wanzenried
00:18:56 Sen. Bales
00:19:00 Roger Lloyd, Legislative Fiscal Division
00:21:00 Sen. Bales
00:21:05 Sen. Zinke
00:21:29 Mr. Lloyd

00:21:56 Sen. Bales

Closing by Sponsor:

00:22:07 Sen. Wanzenried

00:22:21 Sen. Bales

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 1

00:22:41 **Motion/Vote:** SEN. COONEY moved that **HB 1 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried unanimously.

Sen. Bales will carry the bill in the Senate.

00:23:19 Sen. Bales

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

00:23:37 **Motion:** SEN. LAIBLE moved to authorize the use of proxies based on the forms that have been submitted.

Discussion:

00:24:01 Sen. Cooney

00:24:24 Sen. Bales

00:24:43 Sen. Cooney

00:24:55 Sen. Bales

00:25:06 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 6:34 P.M.

PRUDENCE GILDROY, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

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